

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP SLIGHTLY FROM LAST YEAR

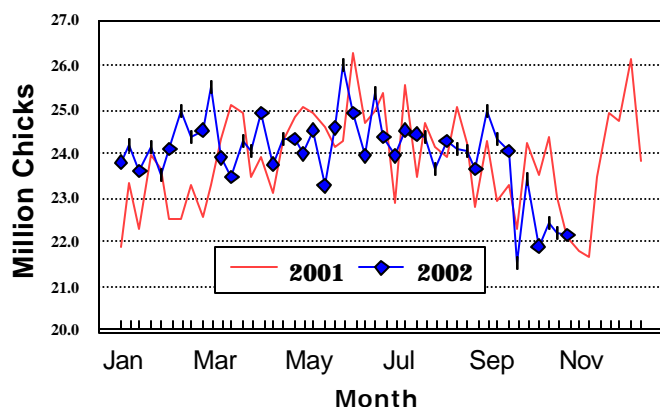
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.2 million during the week ending November 9, 2002. Placements were up fractionally from the comparable week in 2001, but down slightly from the revised previous week, and included 2.3 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 9, 2002 were 1.08 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 22.6 million, down 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 2 percent from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.1 percent.

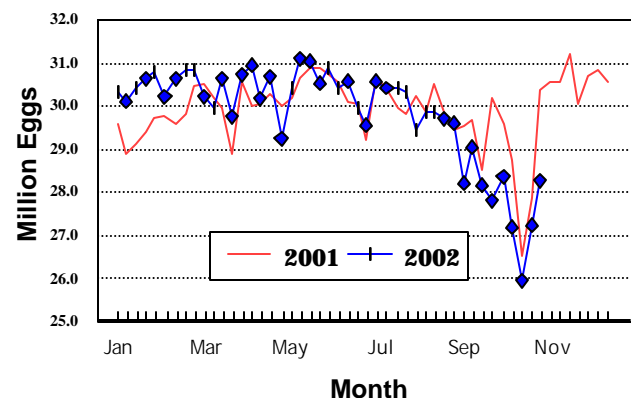
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 9, 2002, down 7 percent from the same period last year, but up 4 percent from the revised previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Oct. 5	22,290	21,555	97	24,395	23,261	95	30,178	27,810	92
Oct. 12	24,248	23,404	97	24,607	24,017	98	29,619	28,385	96
Oct. 19	23,536	21,930	93	23,599	23,275	99	28,743	27,187	95
Oct. 26	24,413	22,466	92	24,950	23,102	93	26,510	25,951	98
Nov. 2	23,027	22,202	96	24,599	23,143	94	27,837	27,248	98
Nov. 9	22,127	22,150	100	23,854	22,589	95	30,372	28,284	93

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001-2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	19-Oct	26-Oct	02-Nov	09-Nov		05-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	02-Nov	09-Nov	
Alabama	26,229 *	26,230	26,808	27,799	97	20,473	21,008	21,211	21,060	20,531	19,883	98
ARKANSAS	27,187	25,951	27,248 *	28,284	93	21,555	23,404	21,930	22,466	22,202 *	22,150	100
Delaware	3,292	3,089	3,678	3,480	96	5,255	4,781	4,521	4,637	5,549 *	5,279	110
Florida	2,324	2,250	2,296	2,137	93	2,328	1,939	2,027	2,017	2,071	1,989	95
Georgia	28,396 *	27,399 *	28,687 *	30,267	97	23,625	24,663	23,051 *	23,955 *	23,888 *	23,614	102
Kentucky	5,148	5,546	5,989 *	6,005	105	5,052	4,556	5,360	5,076	4,511 *	4,229	94
Maryland	9,317	8,868	9,429 *	9,917	100	4,934	4,717	5,750	5,861	5,165 *	5,156	88
Mississippi	16,594 *	15,867	16,098	17,708	103	14,622	14,841	14,650	14,447	14,405	13,844	104
N. Carolina	16,295 *	16,886	18,096 *	17,754	93	13,357	12,503	13,753	14,065	13,424	12,777	97
Oklahoma	6,249	5,335	5,645	6,508	101	5,470	4,050	3,584	3,135	4,378	4,142	86
Pennsylvania	3,284	3,324 *	3,390	3,394	91	2,621	2,515	2,473	2,712 *	2,407	2,317	93
S. Carolina	4,641	4,206	4,622	4,660	99	3,670	3,636	3,575	4,145	3,579	3,807	103
Texas	13,046	12,467	14,487 *	15,243	106	11,822	10,330	11,894	11,386	11,093	10,418	103
Virginia	5,689	5,593	5,532	6,013	90	4,937	4,701	5,401	4,487	5,019 *	4,717	96
CALAM,OK,TN,WV	17,653 *	18,220	18,603	19,594	94	16,932 *	16,180 *	16,120 *	17,065 *	16,743	16,737	92
Total 2002	185,344 *	181,231 *	190,608 *	198,763		156,653 *	153,824 *	155,300 *	156,514 *	154,965 *	151,059	
Total 2001	189,784	186,671	196,299	204,751		156,354	162,521	163,474	165,891	159,933	153,671	
% Prev. Year	98	97	97	97		100	95	95	94	97	98	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002.....						23-Nov	30-Nov	07-Dec	14-Dec	21-Dec	28-Dec	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 199 million eggs during the week ending November 9, 2002. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 151 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 9, 2002. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through November 9, 2002 were 7.53 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.